

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Bradley C. Aldrich et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 24, 2009, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 24, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from October 24, 2009 to November 24, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.